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In re Application of:

Dale BASKIN et al.

Application No.: 09/818,086

Filed: March 26, 2001

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THE PRESENCE OF  
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Applicants hereby petition for a four (4) month extension of time to extend the due date for filing an Appeal Brief to February 11, 2004. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal and the appeal fee on August 11, 2003. A check including the extension fee of \$1,480.00 is enclosed.

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